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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE PRESS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

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1. SEPTEMBER 29 NOTICIAS COVERAGE OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS IS MARKEDLY LESS CRITICAL OF THE US-UK PROPOSALS.

THERE IS NO MENTION AT ALL OF "REJECTION" OF PROPOSAL" WHICH CHARACTERIZED SEPTEMBER 28 COVERAGE.

2. NEWS STORIES STRESS FOLLOWING THEMES:

----- THAT THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS OF LUSAKA STATEMENT MADE BY FRONT LINE LEADERS;

----- THAT A KEY QUESTION IS WHO WILL GOVERN DURING THE TRANSITION, NOTICIAS NOTED THAT SMITH WILL WISH TO CONTINUE IN POWER AND QUOTES

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(UNSPECIFIED) SPOKESMAN FOR THE GUERILLAS AS SAYING THAT THE
GUERILLAS SHOULD CONTROL THE ARMY AND POLICE;

-----THAT THE LEADERS
OF THE ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALS ARE NOW MEETING
IN HOPES OF ARRIVING AT A UNITED POSITION;

----- THAT SMITH HAS BEEN OBLIGED TO ACCEPT MAJORITY
RULE NOT AS A
RESULT OF PEACEFUL MEASURES BUT AS A RESULT OF THE ARMED
STRUGGLE; AND

-----THAT THE SITUATION WITHIN RHODESIA AMONG THE EUROPEAN
POPULATION IS ONE OF DEMORALIZATION FOLLOWING THE ACCEPTANCE OF
THE "KISSINGER PLAN".

3. JOAO COSME, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WHO
TODAY SIGNED DOLLAR GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GPRM, COMMENTED
TO AMBASSADOR THAT EMBASSY SHOULD NOT MAKE TOO MUCH OF THE CRITICAL
REMARKS IN LOCAL PRESS ON THE US-UK PROPOSAL. COSME SAID THAT
NOTICIAS DOES NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT VIEWS OF GPRM.
COSME SAID THAT HE IS SURE GPRM HAS NOT REJECTED PROPOSAL AS
NOTICIAS REPORTED.

4. COMMENT: COSME HAS REPUTATION OF BEING A MODERATE WITHIN GPRM.
ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT A MEMBER OF EITHER FRELIMO CENTRAL COMMITTEE OR
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, HE ONE OF ONLY HANDFUL OF OFFICIALS WHO
AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF GPRM. HE WORKS CLOSELY
WITH BOTH PRESIDENT MACHEL AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT MARCELINO
DOS SANTOS AND IS USUALLY WELL-INFORMED ON WIDE RANGE OF POLITICAL
AS WELL AS ECONOMIC ISSUES. BELIEVE HE WOULD NOT HAVE VOLUNTEERED
COMMENTS UNLESS HE HAD INFORMATION UPON WHICH TO BASE
THEM.
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